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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND NEW
DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING COPENHAGEN JUNE 14-15 WILL PROVIDE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH NEW DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER MAX VAN DER STOEL, WHO FOR YEARS HAS BEEN STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN, ATLANTIC ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES IN HIS CAPACITY AS PROMINENT LABOR PARTY MEMBER OF DUTCH PARLIAMENT AND ALSO DURING HIS TENURE AS DUTCH STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (APRIL 1965- OCT. 1966).

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE IF SECRETARY COULD HAVE BILATERAL CONVERSATION WITH VAN DER STOEL DURING COURSE OF NATO MINISTERIAL. SINCE VAN DER STOEL HAS JUST ENTERED OFFICE, WE DOUBT THAT HE WOULD TAKE INITIATIVE TO REQUEST SUCH A MEETING AND RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT THE SECRETARY PROPOSE INTRODUCTORY MEETING TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. VAN DER STOEL IS ONE OF RELATIVELY FEW HIGHLY QUALIFIED, RESPECTED AND EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUALS IN CABINET OF NEW LEFT- WING DOMINATED DEN UYL GOVT. IN HIS NEW ROLE HE
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WILL BE CONCENTRATING ON THOSE FIELDS OF PARAMOUNT
INTEREST TO HIM, I. E., DUTCH POLICY VIS- A- VIS NATO AND
US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL
IF SECRETARY COULD CONVEY TO HIM PERSONALLY US THINKING
AS TO " YEAR OF EUROPE" AND ELICIT HIS VIEWS ON THE FUTURE
COURSE OF DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY.

4. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPT. ON VAN DER
STOEL BEING SUPPLEMENTED BY SEPTTEL AND AIRGRAM.
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